

IN THE CLAIMS

The following includes the entire set of pending claims in accordance with proposed revisions to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 allowing for amendments in revised format.

Please amend Claims 1, 6, 8, and 9.

Please add Claims 10-13.

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1. (currently amended) An occupant protective apparatus, comprising:  
a vehicle body including a portion to be deformed on receiving a collision load, said portion being formed at least in front of a vehicle room;  
a structure made of a rigid body supported on said vehicle body so as to be movable backward relative to said vehicle body on receiving said collision load;  
a seat supported on said vehicle body so as to be movable in the back-and-forth direction of said vehicle body, said seat including a seat belt for constraining an occupant seated on said seat;  
a power transmission mechanism transmitting the backward movement of said structure to said seat, to thereby move said seat backward, wherein the power transmission mechanism is a cable; and  
a guide fixed to the vehicle body, around which the cable is drawn back, one end of said cable affixed to said seat.
  2. (original) The occupant protective apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said structure is an engine.
  3. (canceled).
  4. (previously amended) The occupant protective apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising a limit specifying mechanism for specifying the limit of said backward movement of said seat.
  5. (original) The occupant protective apparatus as set forth in Claim 4, wherein said limit specifying mechanism is a damping stopper.
  6. (currently amended) An occupant protective apparatus, comprising:

a vehicle body including a rigid body supported on a front, deformable portion of said vehicle body, and capable of backward movement toward an occupant compartment in an event of a front-end collision;

a seat in said occupant compartment, supported on rails so as to be movable in the back-and-forth direction; ~~and~~

a cable disposed between the rigid body and the occupant compartment, and affixed to the seat, so as to transmit the backward motion of the rigid body to the seat to thereby move the seat backward in the event of a front-end collision; ~~and~~

a guide fixed to the vehicle body, around which the cable is drawn back, one end of said cable affixed to said seat.

7. (previously added) The occupant protective apparatus as set forth in Claim 6, wherein said seat further comprises a seat belt for constraining an occupant seated on said seat.

8. (currently amended) The occupant protective apparatus as set forth in Claim 6, wherein the cable is attached to said seat by means of a connecting metal members member which ~~are~~ is fixed to a lower surface of said seat.

9. (currently amended) An occupant protective apparatus, comprising:  
a vehicle body including a portion to be deformed on receiving a collision load, said portion being formed at least in front of a vehicle room;  
a structure made of a rigid body supported on said vehicle body so as to be movable backward relative to said vehicle body on receiving said collision load;  
a seat supported on said vehicle body so as to be movable in the back-and-forth direction of said vehicle body, said seat including a seat belt for constraining an occupant seated on said seat;

a power transmission mechanism transmitting the backward movement of said structure to said seat, to thereby move said seat backward, wherein the power transmission mechanism is a cable; and

a guide fixed to the vehicle body, around which the cable is drawn back to move in substantially opposite directions, one end of said cable being fixed to said seat.

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10. (new) The occupant protective apparatus as set forth in Claim 9, wherein said structure is an engine.

11. (new) The occupant protective apparatus as set forth in Claim 9, further comprising a limit specifying mechanism for specifying the limit of said backward movement of said seat.

12. (new) The occupant protective apparatus as set forth in Claim 11, wherein said limit specifying mechanism is a damping stopper.

13. (new) The occupant protective apparatus as set forth in Claim 6, wherein the cable is attached to said seat by means of a connecting metal member which is fixed to a lower surface of said seat.

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